

Founders

NEWSLETTER OF FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS

'To live on in the hearts and minds of Descendants is never to die!'

PATRON: Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir, AC, Governor of New South Wales

President's report

Membership renewal forms are included with this issue. There has been a slight increase in subs only for this coming financial year, mainly to offset expenses that will be incurred in the purchase of a new computer, on line facilities and the installation of a web site for the Fellowship. As a financial member you are a shareholder in our main asset, being First Fleet House, estimated value up to \$500,000, but as far as liquid assets are concerned we are just holding our head above water! (see box below) The Balance Sheet available in the Sept/Oct issue of *Founders* this year will give you a clear picture. Our biggest expense is the printing and postage of our newsletter. Your Executive has discussed options re our publication but is adamant that the six copies per annum should be maintained!

I am pleased to report that two new Chapters have been formed, one centred on Tamworth and district, and the other in Armidale. Appreciation is due to Robyn Condliffe and Mary Kell, both members of the North Coast Chapter for their combined efforts in the setting up of these bodies. More information will be given in the next issue of *Founders*.

Member Pamela Hempel at my request has produced an interesting article on our recent pilgrimage to Norfolk Island. I am still receiving letters of appreciation especially about the bond of Fellowship which was so evident during the week's stay. As Pamela has written, 'we were all virtually strangers to one another but that common thread which binds us all together' really came to the fore. Some time in the near future an album of photos and comment will be available at First Fleet House library. I might add that we already have a fairly full record of the Fellowship's involvement in 1988, the pilgrimage that year to Tasmania and a record of the opening of First Fleet House by the then Governor, Sir James Rowland.

A reminder about the Soup and Damper Day at FF House on 11 July next. Numbers are limited to about 45 members so you are advised to book in early. The charge will be \$5.00 and I assure you, in all modesty, that I will give a good 'run down' on our Norfolk Island trip!

The Daytime Auxiliary will also run a meeting with a guest speaker on the fourth Wednesday in August and September with a view to similar monthly meetings in the future. Executive members Joy Pankhurst and Barry Roberts have offered to help me in this venture.

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of two members over the past few months. Ray Speakman and Garnet Dredge were proud First Fleeters and I deemed it a privilege to have known both during my Presidency. Our deepest sympathy to both families on their sad loss.

(continued page 2)

How far behind are you in the payment of dues? Please take notice of this extract from the Articles of Association.

CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

4.1 If the subscription of a member shall remain unpaid for a period of two calendar months after it becomes due then the member may after notice of the default shall have been sent to him by the Secretary or Honorary Treasurer be debarred by resolution of the Committee from all privileges of membership provided that the Committee may reinstate the member on payment of such arrears as the Committee thinks fit.

4.1.2 If the subscription of a member shall remain unpaid for a period of at least eighteen months after it has become due then the Committee may by resolution determine to remove from that member such privileges of membership as the Committee shall determine.

INSIDE

- 2 NEWS OF MEMBERS
- 3 WHAT'S ON
- 3 DARTMOUTH REVISITED
- 4 NORFOLK ISLAND A STEP BACK IN TIME
- 8 JAMES SQUIRE OF PUTNEY
- 8 ANOTHER FIRST FLEETER HONOURED

News of Members

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(continued from page 1)

The Genealogical Society of Utah has been busy during the past few weeks preparing our records for computerisation. It would have been an impossible task for us to place tens of thousands of BDMs on CD Rom but in the near future they will be kept for posterity. I hasten to add that names and addresses of members are not made available in this exercise. It will be a valuable genealogical plus for future descendants of First Fleeters.

Earlier this year our Archivist Coralie Kelly found it necessary to return to South Australia leaving an important position to be filled within the Fellowship. We were indeed indebted to Coralie for her efforts over the past two years and I am pleased to say that Pam Quick, FF Jane Langley, has offered her services as Archivist to the Fellowship. Pam was Secretary to the Fellowship back in the 1980s and did sterling work during the hectic bicentennial year in 1988.

The Bonds of Friendship aka 'Missing Links' are still causing quite some concern to a vast majority, not only of First Fleeters, but to citizens of our country who take pride in its heritage. I still await, but not holding my breath, for a reply to my letter on your behalf to our Lord Mayor. I believe one of the reasons for the memorial's removal from the forecourt of the Customs House was, that it did not quite fit in from the aesthetic point of view!! Quite a ludicrous statement considering past and present efforts of the City Council with regard to Circular Quay precincts!

I have nine speaking engagements, mainly to Probuss Clubs, between June and July, but I will be privileged to launch, on behalf of the Jane Langley/Thomas Chipp Family Society, a Family History of these two First Fleeters and descendants on 10 June 2001. Whilst on the subject of Family History may I say that I was honoured recently to be a co-patron of the John Herbert Family Society.

The Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship will be held at First Fleet House on 9 November next. Any help on the Executive would be personally appreciated, any budding Treasurer, I can assure you, will be more than welcome.

Finally may I appeal to members to think about contributing an article on his or her First Fleeter and/or any descendants. There are some terrific stories, humorous or otherwise, about our pioneers. I get quite a kick and so does my audience when I relate the story of FF Phoebe Norton, who went to the toilet whilst her convict vessel was in Cape Town Harbour. The toilets on the ships were suspended over the stern of the ship in a rather precarious position, well to the knowledge of Phoebe, who fell into the harbour and was rescued by some sailors. She was quite a lady, Phoebe, and it is very much doubted that she would not in the least have been embarrassed by her predicament!

In Fellowship
PETER

BIRTHS

Welcome to additional First Fleeters:

LILLIAN JANICE KAY GORDON (FF Lucas - Gascoigne), born 9 November 2000, at Kempsey. Daughter for Myles (#5974) and Cindy Gordon. Second granddaughter for Judith Gordon (#5972) and Alan. Eighth generation.

DENVER JULIAN PRATELLI (FF Edward Humphreys), 26 April 2001. A son to Jodi and Nick, a brother for Dakota. Third grandson for Darleen Stenberg (#6735). Seventh generation.

DEATHS

Deepest sympathy is extended to the families of the following:

PEARL SIMMONS (#2107), passed away 13 April 2001. Descendant of First Fleeter Andrew Fishburn.

RAYMOND B. G. SPEAKMAN (#6763), passed away 30 April 2001. Descendant of First Fleeters Matthew Everingham, John Small, Mary Parker.

ALBERT W. ROWE, passed away 29 March 2001, spouse of Joan Rowe (#1335) FF Nash/Haynes.

PAT WARREN (#6505), 5 Crummer Street, Port Macquarie, NSW, passed away 16 May 2001. Descendant of First Fleeter William Wall.



Closing date for
copy and pictures
July/August issue
July 27 2001

OFFICE HOURS
10.00am - 3.00pm
Monday to Friday

what's *on*

DAYTIME AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

The **Soup and Damper Day** will be held on Wednesday, 11 July 2001, at First Fleet House. The meeting will commence at 11.00am with the soup and damper meal at 12 noon.

After lunch President Peter Christian will talk on the Fellowship's recent excursion to Norfolk Island. The Fellowship was involved in the Island's Foundation Day Celebrations on 6 March 2001.

We look forward to a large number in attendance as this day has been very popular in the past. Please ring 9360 3788 and make your booking so that the committee may know how many to cater for.

Another meeting will be held on Wednesday, 23 August, at First Fleet House, commencing at 1.00pm.

This is the first time the committee has had this type of meeting since the days at the Assembly Hall, Jamison Street, Sydney. These meetings were very popular in the 1970s and the committee has been asked to revive these daytime meetings.

A guest speaker will be invited to address the meeting.

Please ring and make your bookings for this meeting by calling 9360 3788.

DOUGLAS OAKES
Convenor

JOHN AND MARY SMALL DESCENDANTS ASSOCIATION

The association known as the Small Family Association will be having two functions in 2001.

The first function is a bus trip through the historical city of Ryde on Sunday, 26 August 2001.

Ryde plays an important part in the Small family history. First Fleeters John Small and Mary Parker established their first home in the area. The place was known as Kissing Point.

There will be two bus trips, one in the morning at 10.00am and one in the afternoon at 2.00pm, both starting at Addington, Victoria Road, Ryde.

The second event will be the family reunion at the Ryde Ex-Services Club Auditorium, 724 Victoria Road, Ryde, on Sunday 14 October 2001, commencing at 10.00am with morning tea and refreshments. The program after that is as follows:

- 11.00am Annual meeting;
- 11.30am Speech by Kevin Shaw on Williamsdale, a famous building in Ryde associated with the Small Family;
- 12.30pm Luncheon;
- 1.00pm Raffle to be drawn;
- 3.00pm Afternoon tea.

John Small and Mary Parker were married 12 October 1788. Therefore to follow the tradition of the family reunion the event is being held on the closest Sunday to the anniversary of their wedding in 1788.

For further information please ring Douglas Oakes on (02) 9904 6630. Douglas Oakes, Honorary Secretary, Small Family Association.

DARTMOUTH REVISITED



Twenty-six First Fleeters and friends rose before dawn to catch the 7.30am coach to Dartmouth on 6 May. The weather was kind to us – beautiful sunny days – in fact our

cold weather clothes were superfluous. Each day we went on trips to Beechworth, Bright, Dartmouth Dam and other beauty spots. The motel staff were helpful, the food good, the beds comfortable.

The scenery in the Mitta Mitta Valley is outstanding, well worth the long trip.

Our next tour (same time next year) will be to Mount Seaview in the Hastings River valley.

Already four strangers who enjoyed our company at Dartmouth want to come with us next year.

PHYLLIS SELBY



NORFOLK ISLAND

A STEP *back in time*

One could not imagine what lay ahead as we all sat on that plane and it neared Norfolk Island. I didn't know about the others and how they were feeling, but I knew I was on a mission! Armed with a copy Mollie Gillen's *Founders of Australia* and a map of the Island with all the original allotments, there would be work to be done as soon as the plane touched down.

The accommodation at the Castaway was great and it included all meals, which meant our party of First Fleeters joined one another around a table at least twice a day. These were grounds for developing good friendships!



Everyone shared with one another the name of their ancestor – just in case a distant 'rellie' could be found keeping in mind we were virtually all strangers to one another and that we had come from all parts of Australia, we began developing that common thread – descendants of First Fleeters.

Since we were about to spend a week together, a golden opportunity arose to gather the names, addresses and other details along with each ancestor. This was to be compiled on to a database and to be available at the offices of:

1. The Fellowship of First Fleeters, Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo;
2. The North Coast Chapter;
3. The Society of Australian Genealogists, and
4. On Norfolk Island at the Administration Office on Quality Row.

In total, 122 entries were compiled and are available. Who knows, there maybe someone on the list related to your ancestor? (Email: pamela.hempel@panthers.com.au and I will send you the list.)

The mission that I had set for myself was to find the 80 acres of land granted to my ancestors Marine John H Barrisford and his wife Hannah. It was Lot 4 on the original map, but I

needed to know who owned it now and exactly where it was? The Administration officers were the experts and authorities in this regard. So with map in hand I sought their help and help they were too. They knew the name of the present owners and Norfolkers being the friendly people that they are, contacted the owners for me. After explaining who I was and asking if it would be possible to meet them and actually stand on their land my mission was well underway. To stand on the land that John Barrisford farmed so many years ago was the highlight of my trip. I couldn't wait to return to Castaway and tell others what I had accomplished.

Word was out and the next morning the Administration

Office was busier than a beehive. Those who didn't already have a map with their ancestor's Lot were requesting a copy and asking directions as to how to get there. The hired cars on the island were getting a workout. At dinner each night, there was someone with a grin on their face, as they had either found their family plot or some form of further information.

Memorable occasions included the Welcome Dinner, held in a marquee inside the former prison walls large

enough to seat 1000, when First Fleeters from the Victorian Association gathered with us. Another event was the luncheon in the grounds of the property owned by Mr John Forrester (FF Robert Forrester) that overlooks the Pacific Ocean – magnificent. On this occasion a group photo of First Fleet descendants was taken. Rarely does the opportunity arise when that many First Fleet descendants from many different ancestors all gather in one location.



The Governor-General, Sir William Deane, and Lady Deane were also present at the Foundation Day Luncheon as well as the Dedication Service held afterwards at the Cemetery, Kingston. We shall truly miss Sir William Deane when he retires in June as he certainly has always been a people person – so warm and friendly.

The Dedication Service held in the cemetery was a very moving occasion especially for the people directly associated. At the service, Margaret Geeves, descendant of Bartholomew Reardon, read the following poem she had composed for the occasion.

IN MEMORY OF BARTHOLOMEW REARDON

We can only imagine –
Bartholomew's life,
We can only imagine –
The struggle and strife.

But as we look to the future,
May we look back with pride,
At Bartholomew's life,
One hell of a ride.

Although we didn't know him,
I'm sure you'll all agree,
His life would have been a challenge,
Even when he was set free.

For those with his bloodline,
You were born to be strong,
Veins filled with courage,
A trait to pass on.

So when the going gets rough
And life's looking crook,
Think of Bart's spirit,
Take a leaf from his book.

We know little of Bart's Norfolk life,
A little of his past,
This plaque near where he's buried,
Will help this memory of him last.

Let's not take our past for granted,
Let's pass it on to stay,
For it's our forebears like Bartholomew,
Who paved for us the way.

BY MARGARET GEEVES

Those present were moved by the dedications read in honour of those who came before us.

The Cemetery Dedication Service began at 3pm, on Monday 5 March 2001, at Kingston. Peter, accompanied by Ric Stonehouse, President of the Victorian Fellowship, greeted the Governor-General and Lady Deane and escorted them to the gravesites. Peter, as Master of Ceremonies, welcomed the Vice-Regal couple on behalf of those present, and introduced those

descendants who were to present the eulogies. His Excellency then unveiled the four plaques and these were then dedicated by the Rector of Norfolk Island, the Rev. Ian Hadfield. Later, at a less formal ceremony at Emily Bay, Sir William unveiled a memorial plaque to Mary Brabyn and Lady Deane placed a floral wreath on the site. Before leaving the Governor-General said to Peter that it was a most impressive ceremony.



At Kingston the boundary of the cemetery was lined with Army, Navy and Air Force Cadets and at the close of the ceremony a lone piper played a lament. A fitting tribute to our First Fleet pioneers.

The eulogies presented were as follows:

MARY HAMBLY (NEE SPRINGHAM)

Mary Hambly was my five times great-grandmother. As Mary Springham she was transported to NSW for seven years after being found guilty in the Old Bailey in 1786 of stealing two gold guineas, three silver half crowns, one shilling and six pence and a snuff box worth 1 penny. Mary was 21 years old when she was delivered to Lady Penrhyn in January 1787.

Not much is known of her first two years in the new Colony until her baby son William was baptised at Port Jackson in January 1790. William Hambly, a carpenter on Sirius was the father of this child. Two months later Mary and her baby were transferred by Sirius to Norfolk Island. William Hambly was also on board as crew. When Sirius was wrecked not long after arriving there he was stranded and was then employed on the island as a carpenter. Twelve months later he became a settler receiving a grant of 60 acres and continued his relationship with Mary.

During the next five years three children were born to Mary and William. A daughter, named Mary, was born in 1792 but only lived three years. There is a tiny headstone with the initials M.H. not far from here, which could possibly be her grave. A third child Elizabeth was born in January 1794 and this is the daughter who is my four times great-grandmother. Mary died a week after her fourth child was born in June 1796 and the baby died four weeks later.

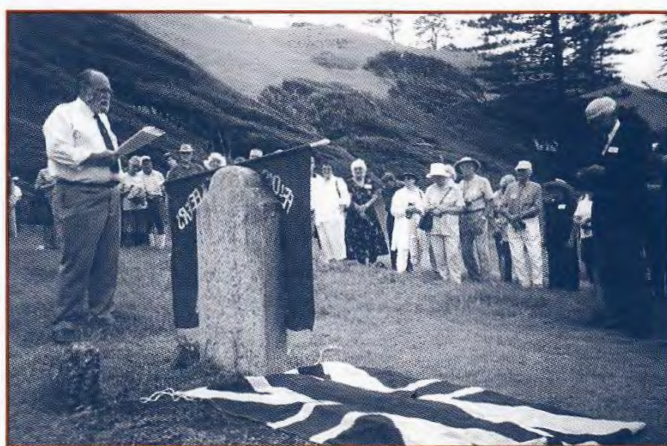
Mary's life in the Colony only lasted eight years and I like to think that the six years she lived on this beautiful island were her happiest. She has



thousands of descendants scattered around Australia and New Zealand, all descended from her daughter Elizabeth who went to Van Dieman's Land with her father and brother William in 1807. William junior did not marry and died when he was 27.

I am sure Mary would be proud if she knew that quite a number of her descendants have been successful in various professional careers. Many of her descendants paid the supreme sacrifice in the first and second world wars; helping to defend the country of which she was a founder. I am very pleased and proud to be here for this special occasion.

JEAN TAYLOR



BARTHOLOMEW REARDON

Bartholomew was convicted in 1783 at the approximate age of 53 years, for theft of a Hair Trunk, and sentenced for transportation for seven years. He embarked on Scarborough in February 1787 with only three years of his sentence left. In March 1790 he was sent to Norfolk Island per Sirius, holding a lease for an allotment in Sydney Town on the Island. By 1805 he is recorded as having a wife, Hannah Rooney, and three children. In May 1807 he was recorded as deceased and his son Bartholomew having worked his father's seven acres eventually went to Van Dieman's Land where he became a successful farmer. It is reported that Hannah Rooney left Norfolk Island with two children for Van Dieman's Land by Lady Nelson in November 1807.

MARGARET GEEVES

MARY SMITH (c1761 – 1792) (SHEERS)

As with many of our convict forebears nothing is known of the early life of Mary Smith except that she was born about 1761, presumably in London. We do know that on 31 May 1786 she appeared at the Old Bailey charged with the theft of a pair of boots valued at one guinea. She was sentenced to be hanged but this was later changed to transportation for 'seven years to the eastern coast of New South Wales.'

Mary arrived in Port Jackson in Lady Penrhyn on 26 January 1788. The female convicts on Lady Penrhyn were described by Surgeon Bowes as a depraved lot and difficult to control. Whether Mary was included in this description we do not know but she does not seem to have been in any trouble during her years in the Colony.

Mary married fellow convict James Sheers on 21 February 1788 – the twenty-sixth marriage in NSW. She gave birth to a daughter, Mary Ann, in 1789. In 1790 the Sheers were sent to Norfolk Island on the ill-fated last voyage of Sirius. We can probably assume that James and Mary were reliable convicts as the purpose of the settlement on Norfolk Island was for the convicts to become self-sufficient and ease the burden on the settlement at Port Jackson.

James Sheers is shown in the records of the time as holding settlers block 12 situated in Mill Road and he remained on Norfolk Island until it was evacuated in 1814. He was one of the last to leave, being a member of the clean up party.

Mary died on 9 December 1792 and is believed to have been buried in the cemetery at Emily Bay. Her daughter Mary Ann became the wife of Captain John Piper who was commandant of Norfolk Island from 1804 to 1810. It is also possible, but not proven, that Mary was also the mother of

James Sheers jun. who became an assistant to Dr William Redfern at Sydney Hospital and may have become Australia's first native-born surgeon had he not died at the age of 21 in 1814.

Mary Smith was my great-great-great-grandmother and I am honoured to be here for the dedication of the plaque to her memory.

NORMAN KINGHAM

JOHN OWLES (c.1752 – 1806)

John Owles was born about 1752 in St George's Parish, Southwark, in Surrey, and was sentenced in 1785 to seven years transportation for providing saws and files to prisoners so that they could attempt to escape from jail.

Refused permission to transport himself and his wife and five children, he was sent to the prison hulks and thence to Port Jackson with the First Fleet on board Alexander.

John Owles married convict Mary Wilson on 27 September 1789 and they were both sent to Norfolk Island on Sirius in 1790. In May 1794 Owles was working his allotted piece of ground and selling grain to the island's store. By 1806 he was overseer of tools and a second-class settler.

John Owles died on 14 December 1806. He and his wife had no children. Mary Owles stayed on the island until 1814 when she left with James Sheers whom she is believed to have married. She died in 1816 at the age of 85.

NORMAN KINGHAM

Tours were planned during our stay. The Cultural Tour, a must included a visit to the beautiful St Barnabas Church. At a local home, we experienced the taste of island food and the finale was being taught the island dialect and cultural dances – John Perry (FF Thomas Chipp) from Tieri, Queensland, and Brian Walford (FF Owen Cavanagh) from Red Hill, Queensland, both enthusiastically demonstrated appropriate movements.





Our fearless leader, President Peter in all his speeches made us all feel very proud to stand under the banner of The Fellowship of First Fleeters.

At the end of the trip, new friendships and happy memories had been made to last for a lifetime.

Should the occasion ever be repeated for those that gathered on the island for this wonderful trip, it would seem just like yesterday.

During those days on beautiful Norfolk Island, many emotions were experienced. As the air conditioned plane landed and took off in such luxury in comparison to what our ancestors had experienced and endured on their own small ships, it was realised that just over two hundred years had passed since their arrival and that now we also shared with them the common experience of Norfolk Island.

In Fellowship

PAMELA HEMPEL

BRIEF THOUGHTS OF A FEW OTHERS ON THE TRIP:

For us, a time to look back and be grateful for the tenacity and fortitude of our forebears – and to recognise that from seemingly catastrophic events, like transportation good things may be forged.

An opportunity to reflect on the fact that no matter how insignificant our lives may seem, our decisions, our actions, our experiences, may have enormous influence on generations to come.

There's a good feeling associated with the notion that two hundred after shared experiences of privation and hardship, descendants of those First Fleeters can also share experience – this time with laughter, fun, and freedom.

Hope this is not getting too philosophical – it was at times a very moving experience.

GAYLE AND JEFF THOMSETT

(FF Nathaniel Lucas, Olivia Gascoigne)

It was a wonderful occasion on a beautiful island and I agree absolutely about the spirit and friendliness that were so evident throughout.

The highlights for me, because they were

events directly linked with my ancestors, were the unveiling and dedication of the Sirius memorial and the Mary Hambly plaque and as well, the opportunity to walk on the land my forebears



farmed as lot 45. However, I must not overlook the wonderful social activity that was so much a part of proceedings.

I am now busily writing and following up the information gained on the trip.

TERRY CHILDS

(FF William Hambly – Mary Springham)

Margaret and I will always have fond memories of the wonderful week we experienced on beautiful Norfolk. First a tribute of appreciation must be paid to Lee Christian and her great team from the Travel Centre. Their untiring efforts in meeting, greeting, organising and keeping everyone in such a happy frame of mind were magnificent.

I don't think that any one event which took place stands out more than another. All were memorable. The presence of the Governor-General, Sir William Deane, and Lady Deane, First Fleet dedications at the cemetery, First Fleet re-enactment of the landing at Kingston Pier, Dedication Ceremony commemorating the wreck of HMS Sirius, a tree planting ceremony and plaque dedication to First Fleeters all – were brilliant.

Then there were the various conducted tours, wonderful dinners each night, free time to do our own exploring and research and we look forward to a future similar occasion when we can all meet up again and renew the wonderful friendships made on Norfolk.

BRIAN HARRIS

(FF Joseph Wright)

As for the invitation to contribute something about our Norfolk trip, I will leave that to others more able, and I must own up to the fact that I have no connection with Norfolk Island whatsoever in my genealogy. However, I had a positive feeling of kinship with the place and the people as it was first settled by my ancestor's contemporaries at a time when he was just settling into life at Sydney Cove.

There was an interesting air about the place which fascinated me at the time, particularly the so-called Norfolk language which I recognised from my reading of Dickens, Hardy, Goldsmith, Trollope and others, really as 18th century English regional dialects changed only a little with geography and passing time. As a student and lover of language, I was enraptured by this aspect alone.

While on the Island I purchased an excellent history of Norfolk by Mervel Hoare – 'Norfolk Island, A Revised and Enlarged History 1774 1998' – which I was not able to read until after I returned home; it has increased my interest in the place and explained why I felt so positively about the place during our holiday there.

ALAN SLATYER

(FF James Wright)

JAMES SQUIRE

OF PUTNEY

AS NOTED IN HIS REPORT, OUR PRESIDENT PETER CHRISTIAN GIVES FREQUENT TALKS TO CLUBS AND GROUPS PROMOTING THE FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS. PRIOR TO ONE SUCH RECENT TALK TO THE PROBUS CLUB OF GLADESVILLE, PROBUS MEMBER ELIZABETH HUNTER GAVE A BRIEF LOCAL HISTORY OF PUTNEY AND HER FF ANCESTOR, JAMES SQUIRE, DURING HER INTRODUCTION, THE TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS.

It came as a complete surprise to my dear staid mother-in-law to find that not only was she a descendant of a convict of the First Fleet, but that he redeemed himself by becoming a brewer.

In the 1980s it became popular to check out family genealogy. There were rumours we were part of the Small family of Ryde. However, when we engaged the services of a specialist, the family connection was through James Squire and his common law wife, Elizabeth Mason. As did many of the convicts, wives and families were left behind with no possible way of finding the fare to get to Sydney. Many new relationships were established and proved long lasting. As a former soldier, he was used to army command and quickly proved his worth to a Lieutenant Johnston. Lt. Johnston took a working party of men to explore the area around Sydney by boat, also their plan was to establish good relations with the local tribes. Squire was an asset in this as he had settled into a farm at Kissing Point. Bennelong and his mother came to live here and both are buried in this area. Governor Macquarie,

in his efforts to control the rum traffic, was very helpful to those farmers who would grow hops. Squire was prosperous in this, and later had an inn, The Malting Shovel, on his property at Kissing Point. My family is descended from daughter, Sarah Lucas. Another daughter, Mary, was the mother of James Farnell. He achieved distinction as a member of Parliament and became Premier. His home Squireville still

stands in the former Brigidine convent opposite Holy Cross College. Farnell was one of the early aldermen of Ryde Council and helped guarantee the establishing of the first public school in 1868. James Squire was buried in the cemetery now part of Central Station. The headstones were removed to the Pioneers Section of Botany Cemetery, but his stone was so badly worn that it was not kept. A memorial plaque was established

on a monument in Pioneers Park, Watson Street, Ryde, in 1988 making mention of the burial of Bennelong and his mother, this is the area of the Squire farm. Along Waterview Street is a sign saying Bennelong Park.

... MANY NEW
RELATIONSHIPS WERE
ESTABLISHED AND
PROVED LONG LASTING ...

ANOTHER FIRST FLEETER HONOURED

Mr Harold Gowen (FF John Gowen and Thomas Acres) of Braidwood, NSW, was awarded the Tallaganda Shire Citizen of the Year, shown here being presented with the award by Melissa Ashton, for his support of community events and services in Braidwood. He has always shown a great deal of pride in his town and district.

Harold has been president and secretary of the Pony Club, a life member of the bushfire brigades, captain of town fire brigade for ten years and an honorary ambulance



officer for ten years. He is also a Grand Lodge officer and a member of the Lodge of Truth.

He is a volunteer transport person for the hospital, works as a volunteer in the tourist office and maintains the grounds of St Bede's School.

He has been described as 'personifying the role of the volunteers in our community'.

The Fellowship has pleasure in congratulating Harold (#4648) on the honour thus conferred.

Opinions expressed herein are those of the article authors and correspondents and do not necessarily reflect the policy or views of the Fellowship of First Fleeters, nor the views of the Editor. The Editor reserves the right to omit any material considered unsuitable for publication. Space limitations may result in some material being held over to another issue. **RON MAGUIRE, Hon. Editor**